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For : METHOD FOR REMOVING LEUKOCYTES, LEUKOCYTE-  
REMOVING FILTER AND THE USE THEREOF

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed June 1, 2005, October 5, 2007, and April 28, 2008, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the copending and commonly assigned U.S. Applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/569,901

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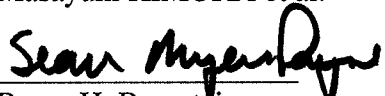
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Respectfully submitted,  
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